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SUBJ: SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMCONSUL SAPPORO

1. SUMMARY: RSO VISITED SAPPORO JANUARY 8-9, 1975. SIXTY-FIVE YEAR OLD CONSULATE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES WORK AREA AND PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE DOES NOT EASILY LEND ITSELF TO SECURITY PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACK. BUILDING'S WOOD CONSTRUCTION, NUMEROUS ENTRANCE POINTS AND FLOOR SPACE LAYOUT MAKES BUILDING VIRTUALLY INDEFENSIBLE. HOWEVER, RSO FEELS THAT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL UPGRADE PRESENT LEVEL OF SECURITY.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. JAPANESE POLICE PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO CONSULATE COMPOUND. RSO BELIEVES THAT THIS PROTECTION IS VITAL TO SECURITY OF CONSULATE. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE POLICE PLAN TO REMOVE THIS PROTECTION IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE POLICE ADVISE THAT THEIR GUARDS WILL BE REMOVED IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONSULATE PROMPTLY NOTIFY EMBASSY TOKYO SO THAT TOKYO CAN MAKE APPROACH TO NATIONAL POLICE TO RETAIN PROTECTION. CONSULATE SHOULD ALSO MAKE EFFORT ON LOCAL LEVEL TO RETAIN POLICE PROTECTION.

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B. THE CONSULATE BUILDING COULD EASILY BECOME A FIRE TRAP. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN SINCE THE PO AND HIS FAMILY RESIDE IN THE BUILDING. REALISTIC PLANS FOR EMERGENCY ESCAPE FROM THE BUILDING SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND EVACUATION DRILLS CONDUCTED. A ROPE EMERGENCY ESCAPE LADDER SHOULD BE PROCURED TO ALLOW EMERGENCY EXIT FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE WORK AREA. A MEANS OF EMERGENCY ESCAPE FOR THE FSLs WORKING IN THE CONSULAR SECTION SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHOULD BE CHECKED ON SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS. ALARM SYSTEM SHOULD BE INSTALLED TO RING IN BOTH THE WORK AREA AND THE PO'S RESIDENCE TO WARN OF A POSSIBLE EMERGENCY, I.E., FIRE, TERRORIST ATTACK, ETC.

C. THE BUILDING'S SUSCEPTIBILITY TO FIRE IS INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL STORED ON THE COMPOUND. GENERAL CLEAN UP OF THE AREA MAY LESSEN THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL STORED. THE CONSULATE SHOULD LOOK INTO THE AVAILABILITY OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS THAT AUTOMATICALLY DISCHARGE WHEN FIRE IS DETECTED. IF THIS TYPE OF EXTINGUISHER IS AVAILABLE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES SHOULD BE PROCURED TO COVER ALL STORAGE AREAS.

D. THE AREA WHERE THE THREE ASSIGNED AMERICANS WORK CAN BE AFFORDED GREATER PROTECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF SIMPLEX LOCKS ON THE DOORS AT EITHER END OF THE CORRIDOR GIVING ACCESS TO THIS AREA. VISITORS WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY THE FSL EMPLOYEES IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. THIS DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION TO THE PO'S RESIDENCE BUT ITS LOCATION AT THE REAR OF THE WORK AREA WOULD PROBABLY MAKE IT LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO TERRORIST ATTACK THAN THE WORK AREA. DUTCH DOOR LEADING FROM ENTRY LOBBY TO CONSULAR WORK AREA SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC RELEASE LOCK AND KEY BYPASS ON EXTERIOR OF DOOR.

E. ALL OF THE ABOVE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE PO WHO AGREES WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:  
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A. BY SAPPORO: CARRY OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS DETAILED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. POST SHOULD REQUEST ANY NEEDED FUNDING FROM THE DEPT. THROUGH THE B&F SECTION IN TOKYO.

B. BY THE RTC: PROVIDE SAPPORO WITH TWO SIMPLEX LOCKS AND ONE ELECTRIC RELEASE LOCK FOR INSTALLATION PER THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE IF LOCKS PRESENTLY

AVAILABLE.  
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